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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Cooperative Agreement with the National Minority AIDS Council

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC). This cooperative agreement will establish the broad programmatic framework in which specific projects can be funded as they are identified during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist NMAC in expanding and enhancing its activities relevant to HIV prevention, services, treatment and research in racial and ethnic minority populations, with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of minorities and disadvantaged people. OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement during this agreement. OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings during this agreement.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Title XVII, section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by Pub. L. 101-527.

Background

Assistance will be provided only to the National Minority AIDS Council. No other applications are solicited. NMAC is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it has:

1. Developed, expanded, and managed an infrastructure to coordinate and implement various educational programs within local communities and organizations that deal extensively with HIV in each of the four racial and ethnic minority populations served by the Office of Minority Health. The Council established national initiatives—e.g., conferences, public policy education program (including policy forums), technical assistance programs and publications (including newsletters, action alerts and training manuals)—that provide a foundation upon which to develop, promote, and manage HIV-related education and health-related programs aimed at preventing and reducing unnecessary morbidity and mortality and mortality rates among racial and ethnic minority populations.

2. Established itself and its members as a national association of professionals who serve as leaders and experts in planning, developing, implementing, promoting and evaluating HIV-related education and policy campaigns, both nationally and locally, aimed at reducing the impact of HIV in minority populations and improving the minority community's overall well being.

3. Developed a base of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to serving minority individuals and organizations with a range of HIV-related health and social problems. Through the collective efforts of its members, community-based organizations, and volunteers, NMAC has demonstrated (1) the ability to work with minority and non-minority organizations, the Federal Government, academic institutions and health groups on mutually beneficial education, research, and health endeavors relating to the goal of health promotion and disease prevention among racial and ethnic minority populations; (2) the national leadership necessary to focus the nation's attention on minority-related HIV issues; and (3) the leadership needed to assist health care professionals to work more effectively with racial/ethnic minority communities.

4. Developed a national network of individuals, community-based

organizations, and state, regional and national health and civil rights organizations committed to addressing the HIV prevention, service, treatment and research needs of individuals affected and infected by HIV and AIDS.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1997 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 3 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

if you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Mr. Matthew Murguia, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-9923.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Study of Benefits for Head Start Program Employees.

OMB No.: New collection.

Description: Head Start Legislation requires that the Secretary conduct a study regarding the benefits available to individuals employed by Head Start Agencies including a description of benefits provided and to make recommendations about increasing the access of the individuals to benefits including access to a retirement pension program. The attached instrument is a survey designed to collect information about present benefits provided to employees.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions and households.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Staff Questionnaire	360	1	.5	180
H.S. Program Director Questionnaire	360	1	2	720
Dir. of Non-H.S. Child Care Program	5	1	2	10